



## **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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### **OFFICIALS FINED FOR PDC VIOLATIONS**

**Olympia** – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Christine Yorozu, levied fines ranging from \$50 to \$500 against governmental officials who failed to file statements of personal financial affairs. Some 5,500 officials are subject to this annual reporting requirement.

“I am continually amazed at the number of elected and appointed officials who ignore the law and fail to file the required financial reports,” Yorozu said.

Elected officials and certain state appointed officials are required under state statute to file an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15<sup>th</sup> reporting financial activity for the preceding year.

“Filing reports that disclose financial interests and holdings is more than a formality,” Yorozu said. “It’s a means for the public to have tangible proof that officials are acting in the public interest and not for their private gain.”

The governmental officials who were issued a civil penalty had previously been sent two warning letters asking them to comply with the reporting requirements. A postcard reminding each official of his or her obligation to file was sent on May 17, 2001 and an opportunity to pay a \$50 fine and forego an enforcement hearing was sent on June 15, 2001.

On July 30, brief enforcement hearings conducted by PDC Chair Yorozu were held. Officials found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

Officials from Southwest Washington who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing were:

- Jeff Allen, School Director, North Mason School District #403, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Gregory Barnes, School Director, Ocosta School District #172, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Lester Beerbower, Fire Commissioner, Grays Harbor Fire District, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - personal financial report is currently on file.
- Todd Boysen, Fire Commissioner, Mason Fire Protection District, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- David Coleman, School Director, Morton School District #214, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - personal financial report is currently on file.
- Gregory Cox, School Director, Morton School District #214, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- David Creighton, City Council Member, City of Ocean Shores, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Kevin Goodrich, Commissioner, South Beach Parks and Recreation Commission, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - current personal financial report has not been filed.

- Patrick McCulley, School Director, LaCenter School District #101, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- John Mortenson, School Director, Rochester School District #401, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 - personal financial report is currently on file.
- Joani Rise, Commissioner, Tanglewilde Parks and Recreation Commission, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 – personal financial report is currently on file.
- Edward Smith, City Council Member, City of Castle Rock, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 – personal financial report is currently on file.
- Edward Stanley, City Council Member, City of Tumwater, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 – current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Rhonda Steinmann, City Council Member, City of Aberdeen, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 – current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Thomas Stevenson, School Director, White Salmon School District #405, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 – current personal financial report has not been filed.
- James Stiebritz, Commissioner, Port of Ilwaco, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Vagmayi, College Board Member, The Evergreen State College, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 – current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Robert Venemon, City Council Member, City of Chehalis, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 with \$250 suspended – personal financial report is currently on file.
- Bruce Walker, Commissioner, Pacific Hospital District No. 2, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 - current personal financial report has not been filed.
- Barbara West, School Director, White Pass School District #303, assessed a civil penalty of \$100 – personal financial report is currently on file.
- Joe Wheeler, City Council Member, City of Kelso, assessed a civil penalty of \$250 – current personal financial report has not been filed.